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*Whereas, Senator Harold "Potch" Wheeler was elected to the Indiana Senate on September 14, 1983;*

*Whereas, for 19 years, the popular senator from Larwill was a strong advocate for his District 17 constituents in Northeastern Indiana;*

*Whereas, for many years while serving in the Senate, Senator Wheeler was president of his family's well-drilling business, M.C. Wheeler & Sons, Inc., which was founded by his great-grandfather and is carried on today by his son;*

*Whereas, as Majority Caucus Chairman, Director of Caucus Operations, Chairman of the Committee on Appointments and Claims, and a member of the Legislative Council, Senator Wheeler was a commanding presence in the Senate and made a significant mark on the public policy of Indiana;*

*Whereas, during his tenure, Senator Wheeler served as the ranking member of the Committee on Natural Resources and as a member of the Pensions and Labor Committee and*

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*the Rules and Legislative Procedures Committee;*

*Whereas,, Senator Wheeler was committed to preserving and improving Indiana's invaluable natural resources and furthered this goal by serving as Chairman of a water study committee to protect the state's water resources;*

*Whereas, being an avid golfer and fisherman, Senator Wheeler often enjoyed those very natural resources in his spare time outside of the Senate;*

*Whereas, in honor of his lifetime achievements, a boulder monument was dedicated to Senator Wheeler in an outdoor ceremony at the Pisgah March Wildlife Diversity Area;*

*Whereas, a portion of State Road 5 was renamed the "Harold H. (Potch) Wheeler Highway" in honor of his retirement from the Senate;*

*Whereas, from the time he was a freshman senator, Senator Wheeler made a positive impact on his community, his state, and the people around him;*

*Whereas, Senator Wheeler passed away at the age of 75 after battling multiple myeloma, a form of bone cancer;*

*Whereas, Senator Wheeler is survived by his wife, Darlene; his children, Johnna, Kim and Tara; seven grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren; and*

*Whereas, Senator Wheeler was characterized by his wit, charm, integrity, and leadership in the Indiana State Senate and is missed greatly by his fellow Senators and all those who had the honor of working with him: Therefore,*



*Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly  
of the State of Indiana, the House of Representatives concurring:*

1           SECTION 1. That the members of the Indiana General  
2       Assembly memorialize the life of Senator Harold "Potch"  
3       Wheeler, a true credit to the institution of the Indiana Senate  
4       and a dedicated public servant to the citizens of Indiana.

5           SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed  
6       to transmit copies of this Resolution to Darlene Wheeler and to  
7       each of their children.

